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A HOOVER BY ANOTHER NAME IS NEEDED TO RUN THE FAIR

The Prompt Declination by the Secretary of Commerce Should Be Followed by a Prompt Invitation to Some One Else

SECRETARY HOOVER'S decision to remain in Washington and complete the reorganization of the Department of Commerce, instead of coming to Philadelphia to take charge of the 1926 Fair, does credit to his sense of loyalty.

This much must be admitted, however deeply it is regretted that the arrangements for the Fair are not to have the benefit of his active direction.

But for all this, Mr. Hoover's visit to Philadelphia was not in vain. He has concentrated attention on what must be done if the undertaking is to succeed. There must be an ideal behind it which will stir the imagination not only of the American States, but of the nations of the world.

THE BRIDGE COST

THE submission of a bid for sinking the caissons and building the foundations for the steel piers of the Delaware River Bridge that is \$2,500,000 below the estimated cost in the engineer's report must be gratifying to the Bridge Commission.

The low bid is \$1,000,000. The highest bid was \$2,500,000. This great discrepancy is not unusual in such cases. The difference between the sums that different contractors offer to do work for has been a constant marvel to those who follow such matters.

The contract will not be awarded until the commission meets today. The engineer's estimate was made several months ago. The cost of materials has fallen since then and the wages of labor are readjusting themselves to normal conditions. It is hoped that as the work progresses all the bids will fall below the estimates in the same proportion. If this hope is realized the bridge will cost \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 less than was expected.

If the award for the foundations for the piers is made at once the celebration arranged to signalize the beginning of work on January 6 will have something more than a mere anticipation to glorify. The commission without doubt will do its utmost to have a contractor on the ground with material evidence that work has begun.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

BUCKETSHOPS are forbidden by law. Yet they manage in some way to persist. For the information of the uninitiated, it may be said that a bucketshop is a fake broker's office. It has a stock ticker over which it gets reports of sales from the New York Stock Exchange and posts the figures on a board. Its customers "buy" and "sell" stocks, in the hope that they may make a few dollars on the rise or fall in the quotations. But there is never any legitimate transaction in stocks. The broker never sends an order out of his office and a share of stock never comes into the office to be delivered to a customer. The customers merely bet on the rise or fall of a stock.

The New York Stock Exchange has been investigating the methods of business of several brokers in other cities who have been suspected of "certain irregularities" and it has ordered that the telegraph wires and stock tickers be taken out of their offices. The offending brokers are charged with quoting prices of stocks to their customers that differed from the actual prices at which those stocks were sold.

It has not yet been disclosed whether any of the offending brokers are in this city, but it is known that there have been brokers here who have not conducted their business as it should be done. One firm is in the Bankruptcy Court with criminal charges pending against some of its members. When a firm engaged in a legitimate brokerage business lays itself open to such charges it is about time the stock exchange paid some serious attention to the character of all brokers receiving its news service.

WHY DEFEND LYNCHERS?

DEBATE on the proposed Anti-Lynching bill will be resumed in Congress after the holidays, and there is no good reason why the measure should not be passed without delay.

Lynching in itself is a great evil that leads to greater ones. It encourages mob spirit in politics and it must result inevitably in the peculiar sort of mania that led to the shameful scandal of the new Klu Klux Klan. The criminal charge that mob law can accomplish. And it is a matter of record that at least 50 per cent of the victims of lynch parties have been innocent of wrong.

There is wisdom behind the effort to enact a Federal law under which counties in which mob rule is permitted to progress to a point where life is sacrificed be compelled to pay heavy indemnity to the family of the victim. Such a provision ought to be a valuable stimulus to the public officials who are either too cowardly or too careless to protect prisoners committed to their care.

HOOVER'S CORN

HERBERT HOOVER continues to be one of the most silent and efficient men in all Washington. It was at his earnest backing, backed by President Harding, that Congress set aside \$20,000,000 for the purchase of corn to be sent to the relief of the starving people of Russia.

Corn has been selling at seventeen cents a bushel in Iowa. Farmers have been broke. They have been burning their crops because grain is cheaper than coal. It is not pleasant to think of corn being used in furnaces while millions of helpless men, women and children are perishing slowly of hunger.

Hoover's corn fund will help the farmers enormously. It will help Russia. And before very long, when the people of Russia have a force to reflect again, it will be a greater force for international political good than the supplies of a hundred statesmen.

THE MOONSHINE COMPLEX

MR. DAVIS, of Blairsville, who was trained for the ministry and wandered far to the Pennsylvania Legislature, hinted recently after a long interview with Senator Penrose that he will soon succeed William C. McConnell as Prohibition Enforcement Director in Pennsylvania.

Running parallel with this news in the papers was the dispatch announcing the belief of Secretary Mellon that beer and light wines should be legalized in order that the revenue derived from taxation could be used to provide Federal bonuses for former service men.

The Treasury always has revealed symptoms of a tender feeling for light wines and beer. It is just possible that some of the officials in Washington are more deeply concerned about ex-soldiers than they are about ex-soldiers.

Meanwhile, however, the ghost of Barley-corn is appearing in a new guise to haunt

and trouble all men who seek and occupy offices such as that which Mr. Davis, of Blairsville, now aspires. Some one has said—and said with a good deal of truth—that we are rapidly becoming a Nation of moonshiners. In cities and out of them the home still is becoming as common as kitchen ranges and bathtubs. Pennsylvania is said to be producing a veritable flood of white lightning. Home brew is being pushed to the wall by home whisky. Particularly in the farm and orchard areas distilling is advancing to the category of favorite indoor sports.

Mr. Davis and the Federal enforcement officers generally will have to find a way to eliminate moonshine before they can make any part of the United States really "dry."

A DISGRACEFUL EPISODE

HE is a daring statesman who applies the ordinary rules of common sense to the conduct of diplomacy. At least so it appears from the embarrassment of President Harding, whose lucid interpretation of Article I of the Four-Power treaty is revealed as contrary to the subtle construction given to the integrity of the possessions clause by the delegated negotiators in the Washington sessions.

Mr. Lodge, whose glib references to Robert Browning, Herman Melville, and Robert Louis Stevenson betrayed in his treaty presentation speech a few weeks ago some acquaintance with literature, seems to have been reticent concerning the particular subject which he was supposed to be discussing.

The announcement that the parties to the pact are, by its text, pledged to respect the integrity of Japan, as well as that of the detached island possessions in the Pacific, is followed by a revised view from the White House.

By whatever standards judged, it is plain that the American commissioners have played both the President and the public a shabby trick. If the treaty does not mean what it is deemed, by the ordinary processes of ratification, to mean, information on this point was due on December 10, Senator Lodge's flagrant dereliction occurred on that date, when the pact was made public.

It is instructive to note that the very objection which he formerly raised to Article X of the League of Nations Covenant is referred in the meaning which is now ascribed to the first article of the Pacific compact.

This newspaper has never been among the critics which sensed danger in the spirit of Article X. It is now convinced that there is no peril in a pledge to "respect" the homeland of Japan. The obligation on that part of the contracting nations is mutual, and if Japan is to be safeguarded at the outset, where do the possibilities of aggression or war to protect the Mikado's empire lie?

But the misrepresentation of intentions was disgraced. It has furnished the sensational irresponsibilities with political ammunition and resulted in an indictment of the President of the United States for an honest interpretation of the English language. If the treaty does not mean what it says, prompt verbal revision is in order.

THE SUBMARINE OBSTACLE

AS HAS been foreshadowed for some weeks, success of the disarmament program will in the end rest upon adjustment of the submarine problem. With formal French concessions regarding capital ships defined in sight, the status of submarines becomes the only question in arms reduction likely to disturb the harmony of the delegations.

The British, it is understood, will plead in public session for the total abolition of the under-sea instrument. Of the popularity of the general principles which, presumably, will advance there can be little doubt.

It was submarine outrages which drew America into the war. It was brutality in the use of submarines which was fundamentally the cause of the international odium which was Germany's unenviable portion.

The United States, alleging weakness in length of coast line, said to favor to some extent the retention of submerged craft as a war weapon. It is the French and Italian contention that submarines constitute the cheapest defense of nations not engaged in upper-sea naval enterprises.

Practical arguments thus clash with those grounded in emotional revulsion to a cruel, inhuman and inhuman method of modern warfare. Outside professional circles American public opinion is unsympathetic to submarines.

A plan involving substantial limitation of the construction of under-sea vessels would conform to the spirit of humanity, which furnishes the moral strength of the Washington conference.

The work ahead is delicate in the extreme. It is encouraging to note that no crisis of the sessions has yet proved too severe to resist the application of intelligent and broad-minded methods of compromise.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ**
1. What was the strange Free State?
 2. What is a perimeter?
 3. What is an orator?
 4. What is the origin of the slang word "guy" applied to persons?
 5. Name two kinds of animals which lay eggs and nurse their young.
 6. For how long a period are members of the House of Representatives elected?
 7. Where was the first battle of the White Plains fought and who were the belligerents?
 8. How many ships were scuttled by the Germans at Scapa Flow in 1919?
 9. What American State has a special Court of Appeals?
 10. When was the first Federal Chinese exclusion law passed?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. In most parts of the country December 21 is the shortest day of the year.
2. The name of "Home Sweet Home" was composed by Sir Henry Rowland Parkes, was composed by Sir Henry R. Bishop in 1822 and is the title of the opera "Clari, or the Maid of Milan."
3. Amer is the title of the ruler of Afghanistan.
4. Henry Clay died in 1852.
5. Headings are fences of boards around buildings during erection or repairs, often used for posting bills.
6. The Pillars of Hercules are the rocky elevations at the entrance to the Mediterranean at the Strait of Gibraltar. They are specifically the Rock of Gibraltar on the European side and the mountain, Djebel Musa, on the African shore.
7. Hansom cabs are so called after Hansom, their patentee, in 1824.
8. An iguana is a large West Indian and Central American lizard.
9. Gules is the name given in heraldry to red on a shield or coat-of-arms.
10. Gunwits should be pronounced "guny."

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Curiously Enough, No Country Has Yet Thought of Setting Up a Monument for the Army Nurse—This Age May Be Known as the Age of Service

By SARAH D. LOWRIE

THE American women who served overseas during the war, and lately organized as the American Women's Overseas Legion, had a dinner the other evening, at which the out-of-town guest of honor was Mrs. Robert Meade.

It was rather a touching occasion to me, who, having been a stay-at-home, was there that night merely as an interested looker-on. It was also a distinguished occasion by reason of the number of the most prominent women of the city who were present. You realized, on examining the groups at the various round tables, that they had not just happened to get on the other side during the war, but that they were a more or less carefully selected set-up crowd of women. They certainly were the fittest, and that they survived some of the hardships they had to cope with, proved that those in authority who gave them leave to go knew what they were about.

I should have liked nothing better than to have learned straight from some of them what they had been up against, but they had a pleasant aloofness on points touching hardships that made me shy of searching for details. One of them laughed when she mentioned, calmly, that she had not had a wash for nine consecutive months over there, and never enough water to wash more than an inch or two at a time. They agreed with me that they had a taste of the life that home women would never know what war was like; its awfulness could not be put into speech.

One other characteristic: There was scarcely any complaining in the speech, and very little laughter, possibly either in what was said or what the audience tempted the speakers to say by their attitude as listeners.

THERE was nothing tragic about them; they were on the contrary, rather matter-of-fact, but they were gravely matter-of-fact. As you looked in their faces you could see purpose, force, discretion, experience, charm, but mostly what you felt was their gravity.

They had had so much in common that they spoke a language interspersed with symbols all the organizations to which they had belonged—Young Men's Christian Association, Red Cross, Friends' Reconstruction, Ambulance Corps, Jewish, Catholic, Emergency Aid, etc.—were known by letters rather than names, and the sort of work that was done, the places where they were quartered and the army branches they came upon were all known by short cuts of speech, so that I was left laboriously spelling in the year while I listened to the reports. But I should say that that crowd of business women and craftsmen and reconstruction workers who had come out of the great tribulation of the war with a still greater common memory of a unique experience could make themselves felt in their day and generation if they ever chose to unite for any purpose except to remember.

It seemed from their reports that they had, as an organization, lent a hand this year to this navy or that military unit, with a view to helping the enlisted men through the boredom of barrack or hospital existence, but I wondered if such interests would really hold most of them for all human inspiration comes from the atmosphere. It struck me that that what really struck me out of them was not that "soy to Cerberus," that amelioration of the drastic conditions of a whole system, but the whole question of the possibility of eventual disarmament, the stopping of war rather than the mitigation of the soldiers' hardships.

I MAY have misinterpreted what I saw and heard, and read into the atmosphere more than was at least consciously there. I felt as though the gravity that I mentioned in my report, the sense of duty that was very arresting. Those women have earned a right to an opinion on war that those of us who stayed at home cannot challenge. I am wondering if their testimony may not be an even greater asset to our national conscience than their unselfish service was to our national reputation.

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From her headquarters in Paris hundreds and hundreds of girls were sent to their errands of cheerfulness in all the divisions of the American Army where "Y" huts were opened, and her charm and kindness and her decision made her felt as a force for order and cheerfulness in that thinking the length and breadth of France.

No wonder she was chosen again last summer to go to Poland, and up to the very border of Russia, to report on the canteen arrangements and on the reconstruction and on the relief work that is being Poland stem the cross-currents of war and war, and the kind of cheerfulness, in that Poland reorganized nationally.

SHE traveled under very exceptional circumstances through Poland to the Russian border, where the Polish and Czech-Slovakia to Prague. Her tale of her adventures and the terrible conditions that were revealed to her on the Russian border, where the Polish and Czech-Slovakia to Prague. Her tale of her adventures and the terrible conditions that were revealed to her on the Russian border, where the Polish and Czech-Slovakia to Prague. Her tale of her adventures and the terrible conditions that were revealed to her on the Russian border, where the Polish and Czech-Slovakia to Prague.

THE Ballyhoo Man, Santa Claus, stands at the Christmas gate. His eyes alight with pride because, he knows his cause is great. "Step in!" he cries. "This show is for the man who thinks and feels! The finest stuff pulled since the war! The Red Cross Christmas seals."

The Ballyhoo Man smiles and says, "Just watch these seals perform! They make good in a thousand ways: They make the chilly warm; They aid the poor; they heal the sick; And give them wholesome meals. Step in and see the joyous trick—Performing Red Cross seals!"

The Performing Seals

Old Santa as he ballyhooes Each tender heart must touch. "Step in!" And pay just what you choose! It need not cost you much. We read the crowd takes his advice. Soon joyous laughter peals. Each heart that once was cake of ice Is thawed by Christmas seals.

"Put up a dollar or a cent! No matter! Do your best! Once you're inside the canvas tent Once you will do the rest!" They do! Upon an envelope Each dances jigs and reels. Till laughter's born! And health! And hope!

Because of Red Cross seals! G. A.

A Chicago bootlegger who guaranteed a house for thirty cents got off with a fine of \$50 and costs when haled into court because his price was reasonable. Justice may be blind, but she knows the value of a kick, hope!

Reports of the Y. M. C. A. and the Department of Commerce say that American sports are becoming popular abroad. It is a heartening sign. When there is international rivalry in sports there will be less likelihood of war.



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

E. D. B. NEUHAUSER

On the Out-of-Doors

MASTER minds of the world have been developed in the woods or out of doors, says E. D. B. Neuhauser, a paper mangle factor, who laments the fact that he is one of those busy business men who have devoted their time exclusively to business and neglected to develop a hobby early in life. Yet, since he had a taste of the life in the open a few years ago, he has become an all-around out-of-door man.

"There is a theory that I am inclined to believe," said Mr. Neuhauser, "that all human inspiration comes from the atmosphere. It is remarkable that most of our great men have come from the country and very few from the cities. Life in the open brings out the best in a man and is bound to be reflected in his character."

Not All Rough and Uncouth

"Take the woodsmen, for example. Most people picture them as being great, rough, uncouth fellows, and I did myself, until a few years ago, when I spent some months in the Maine woods in the company of a number of woodsmen and guides. That was a revelation to me.

"I found them to be as whole-souled and clean-living a group of men as could be found anywhere—the kind of men I would be glad to put my boys alongside of. They had a wholesome outlook on life and didn't know there were any such things as nerves. If every business man would spend his leisure time in the open he would find it would benefit not only his health but his business also, for it gives him a broader outlook and increases his patience, which is always a business asset."

"Another great thing about life in the open is that it teaches men to commune with themselves. A night beside the campfire, an afternoon at the end of a trout rod or a morning's pursuit of game enforces silence and gives a man a chance to become acquainted with himself. There is a certain feeling of calmness in the woods and fields which is contagious and it does not take long to make itself felt and, if experienced often enough, to become a part of a man who lives a part of his life in the open.

"Some years ago I met Harry H. Wood,

By Love of Outdoors

"All that grew out of his interest in an out-of-door game. Besides that he is a remarkably astute business man, and his business has not suffered because of his hobby, but on the other hand, his interest in the history of golf has caused him to have a correspondence which is world-wide and which has tended to broaden him and to place him in touch with people all over the world, some of whom have become business correspondents.

"A man who has a real interest in the out-of-doors will always find some one who is interested in the same kind of things, and yet if he doesn't he can still enjoy himself by getting out in the open and indulging his hobby. When he is worried and irritable he can go into the woods or fields, where he soon forgets all his cares, restores him, and he feels like a new man on his return.

"As I said, life in the open gives a man a certain calmness, and increases his patience and broadens his vision. I don't think there is anything that will do so much for a man as spending a good part of his time out of doors."

HUMANISMS

By WILLIAM A. THURTON DU PUY

A BRITISHER attending the Washington Conference was, the other day, relating a story of Ansten Chamberlain, the veteran of English politics. Mr. Chamberlain was one day in the lobby of a London hotel when he was approached by a timid man, who asked:

"May I speak to you for a moment?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Chamberlain.

"I can't say it here," said the youth.

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